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PRESS RELEASE

CREDIT CARD FRAUD SUSPECTS ARRESTED

DATE: July 31, 2015
LOCATION: Walmart, 301 Ranch Drive, Milpitas
CASE #: 15-195-178
SUSPECT #1: Rebecca Michelle Villanueva, Hispanic Female, 26 year-old, Tracy resident
SUSPECT #2: Sonia Sylvia Macias, Hispanic Female, 35 year-old, San Jose resident

On Monday, July 14, 2015, the Milpitas Police Department identified Rebecca Michelle Villanueva and Sonia Sylvia Macias as suspects in a theft investigation at Walmart and the fraudulent use of a credit card at Safeway in Milpitas via security video footage. Officers searched for Villanueva and Macias, but they could not be located.

On Friday, July 31, 2015 at approximately 4:49 P.M., Walmart loss prevention contacted the police department to report Villanueva and Macias had been in the store stealing toiletry items and returning the same items for a refund. Loss prevention observed Macias conceal the toiletry items and exit the store without paying for the items. A short time later, Villanueva entered the Walmart and returned the items Macias had stolen for cash. Milpitas Police Officers arrived quickly and located both suspects near the Walmart. Villanueva and Macias were taken into custody.

After further investigation, Rebecca Michelle Villanueva was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail for Burglary, Conspiracy, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card, and Fraud. Sonia Sylvia Macias was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail for Burglary, Conspiracy, Fraudulent use of Credit Card, Theft, and Possession of Marijuana.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation involving Rebecca Michelle Villanueva and Sonia Sylvia Macias, or other incidents occurring in our city is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:
http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp

Press Release By: Lieutenant Raj Maharaj

Date/Time: July 31, 2015 at 11:30 p.m.



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SUSPECT # 2: Sonia Sylvia Macias